By the Regents of the University of the State of New-York.

Whereas the Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy, in conjunction with many of the citizens of the Western District of this State, have, by their petition, made known to us, that they the said applicants were minded to found a College, by engrafting the same on the said Academy, at or near the scite of said Academy, in the Town of Paris, in the County of Oneida, and have signified to us, that the name thereof shall be "Hamilton College", and have proposed to us the twenty four persons hereafter named, for the first Trustees of the said College; And whereas it satisfactorily appears that funds are procured and provided, towards the support of said College, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and we having approved thereof, and it appearing to us, that the funds intended by the said applicants, for the use of the said College, are as duly and sufficiently secured and vested for that purpose as is requisite, and that the founding of the said College cannot be farther completed before the said Trustees are incorporated:

Therefore, in virtue of the power in us vested by law, We have granted and declared, and by these presents do grant and declare, that a College, for the instruction and education of youth, in the learned languages and liberal arts and sciences, shall be and hereby is founded and established in the said Town, that the Trustees of the said College shall always be twenty four in number, and that Henry Huntington, George Brayton, Morris S. Miller, Nathan Williams, James S. Kip, James Carnahan, Jedediah Sanger, Joseph Kirkland, John H. Lothrop, Thomas R. Gold, Jonas Platt, James Cells, Asahel S. Norton, Ephraim Hart, William Holchkiss, Joel Bristol, Henry M.c Niel, Peter Smith, Dirick Lansing, Jasper Hopper, Obadiah German, Arunah Metcalf, Simeon Ford, and Walter Fish shall be the present Trustees; and that the said Trustees and their successors shall be a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Trustees of Hamilton College", and shall have perpetual succession, and be capable to sue and be sued, and to purchase, take, hold, enjoy and have lands, messaages, tenements, hereditaments, and real Estate whatsoever, in fee simple, or for term of life, or lives, or years, or in any other manner howsoever; and also goods, chattels, books, monies, annuities, and all other things of what nature or kind soever, provided always, the clear yearly value of such real estate, do not exceed the sum of thirteen thousand, three hundred and thirty three dollars, and one third of a dollar, lawful money of the United States; and also to appoint a President and Professors and Tutors to have the immediate care of the education and government of the students, who shall be sent to and admitted into the said College, for instruction and education, according to such ordinances, rules and orders, as shall be made by the said Trustees; and also to appoint a Treasurer and Clerk, and all other needful officers and ministers, and assign to them their respective business and duties; and also, from time to time, to make such ordinances, rules and orders, for the management and disposition of the lands and other real Estate, and of the chattels and monies, and other property, at any time held or possessed by them, the said Trustees, for the use of the said College; and for the more orderly and conveniently performing and executing the trusts and authorities hereby granted and committed to them, as they, the said Trustees shall deem most fit and beneficial; and also all such ordinances, rules and orders directing and appointing what books shall be publicly read and taught in the said College, and for the better government of the said College, and of the President, professors, tutors and students thereof, as they the said Trustees think best for the general good of the same; provided that no ordinance, rule or order to be made by the said Trustees, nor shall the appointment of a President, or of any professor or tutor, in the said College, nor of a treasurer or Clerk, or any other Officer or minister, have any force or validity, unless the same shall be agreed to by the major part of any thirteen or more of them the said Trustees convened and met together; and provided farther, that no such ordinance, rule or order, shall be repugnant to the laws of this State, or the laws of the United States; neither shall any of them extend to exclude any person of any religious denomination whatever from equal liberty and advantage of education, or from any of the degrees, liberties, privileges, benefits, or immunities of the said College, on account of his particular tenets in religion; and provided also, every such ordinance, rule or order, whereby the punishment of expulsion, suspension, degradation or public confession, shall be inflicted on any student, shall be put in execution, only by such major part of any thirteen or more of the said Trustees; that the President of the said College, shall hold his office for and during his good behaviour; but that all professors and tutors, and every treasurer and Clerk, and all other Officers and ministers, shall hold their respective offices, at the will and pleasure of the said Trustees; that there shall be two meetings of the said Trustees in the said Town, in every year, on such days and at such place, as the said Trustees shall by ordinances to be by them, from time to time made in that behalf, appoint, to be denominated stated meetings; and until the said Trustees shall have made an ordinance appointing the days and place of such stated meetings, the same shall be held on the last tuesday in May, and on the last tuesday in September, and in the building hitherto called the Academy; that when any special meeting of the said Trustees shall be deemed necessary, the senior Trustee, then residing in the said Town, and taking upon himself the exercise of the office, shall, on application for that purpose, in writing, under the hands of any five, or more, of the said Trustees, appoint a time for such special meeting, at some convenient place in the said Town, and cause due notice thereof to be given, by advertising the same, in one or more of the public News-papers, printed in Utica, at least twenty days before such meeting; and at such meeting such senior Trustee, before entering on any business, shall certify such notification to the Trustees then met; that whenever the said Trustees shall be met together, at any meeting, the senior Trustee, then present, shall preside at such meeting; 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In testimony whereof, we have caused our common seal to be affixed to these presents, the twenty sixth day of May, in the thirty sixth year of the Independence of the United States, 1812.

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Sr. Bloodgood Secretary

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